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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
California Department of Transportation  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ross Chittenden, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program  
Amendment No. 4

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed its review of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 4 submitted by your letter dated March 29, 2005. KCOG adopted this amendment on March 17, 2005, and it modifies or adds projects funded from the Interstate Maintenance Discretionary program and Transportation Enhancement Activities program.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, FHWA approves this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. We also find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the FTIP by this amendment do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of KCOG's 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 4 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any specified program funding.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa at (916) 498-5022.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Mayela Sosa*

For  
Gene K. Fong  
Division Administrator

